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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0037

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AF/W FOR AMBASSADOR EASUM

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, ASCH, NI

SUBJECT: FMG ANNOUNCES AIS MUST MOVE BY APRIL 7

REF: CROSBY MEMO TO FILES DATED MARCH 4, 1977 AND CROSBY/SMITH  
TELECON MARCH 22.

1. MEA PERMSEC'S OFFICE CALLED AFTERNOON MARCH 22 TO INFORM EMBASSY THAT DESPITE MINISTRY'S BEST EFFORTS, IT HAD BEEN DETERMINED BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE THAT THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (AIS) MUST MOVE FROM ITS LOCATION IN BONNY CAMP BY APRIL 7. DECISION WAS TERMED FINAL AND BASED ON CONTRACTORS' CLAIM THAT THEY MUST HAVE POSSESSION OF THE SITE BY THAT DATE OR RAINY SEASON WILL INTERFERE WITH WORK SCHEDULE, AND THEY WILL BE FORCED TO "RE-EVALUATE" COMPLETION DATE CALLED FOR IN CONTRACT WITH FMG SIGNED MARCH 8. IT IS THIS LATTER CONSIDERATION WHICH APPARENTLY DECIDED THE ISSUE.

2. PERMSEC'S OFFICE SAID MINISTRY HAD BEEN ASKED TO EXPLAIN TO EMBASSY WHY FMG COULD NOT ACCEDE TO AIS REQUEST TO REMAIN  
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IN BONNY CAMP UNTIL MAY 26. MEA NOTE IS IN PREPARATION, BUT MINISTRY WANTED TO GIVE US ADVANCE NOTICE OF DECISION AND EMPHASIZED IT HAD DONE ITS BEST TO GAIN DELALY. POLCOUNS EXPRESSED PROFOUND DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE NEWS AND STRESSED DISRUPTIVE EFFECT FORCED MOVE WILL HAVE ON BOTH CHILDREN AND INSTRUCTION.

3. CHARGE WILL INFORM AIS SUPERINTENDENT OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENT THIS AFTERNOON AND EXPLORE POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION. WE BELIEVE APPEAL TO HIGHEST LEVELS OF FMG-- ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF DANJUMA, CHIEF OF STAFF SUPREME HEADQUARTERS YAR'ADUA, OR POSSIBLY HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO HIMSELF, HOLDS THE ONLY POSSIBILITY OF SECURING REVERSAL OF AIS OUSTER ORDER. IF GARBA IS STILL IN THE US, A CALL FROM AMBASSADOR EASUM MIGHT HELP IMPRESS ON HIM SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW AIS PROBLEM.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS DEPARTMENT OR AMBASSADOR EASUM MAY HAVE TO OFFER.  
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